

Wiffiti

Wiffiti.com is a program that you can use to have students use their cell phones to text in different answers to questions (for example: What did you do last weekend? What do you like to do?). It can also be used to brainstorm as a class. It is free with unlimited texting plans. You can embed the screen to your blog, wiki, or website easily.

Here is a screen shot of some of the student responses to the question: Was machst du nicht gern? (What do you dislike doing?)



How to set up a screen:

1. Set up an account and login
2. Click on **make a screen** on the horizontal bar on the top of the page
3. It asks you to add some tags. I usually leave this blank. The tags are helpful for people who are doing a search for certain types of screens
4. Choose how you will let your students answer. I usually choose the first two, but do not add twitter. If you use twitter as part of your class, then this might be an option for you.
5. Set your content rating to G, so that no one can publish inappropriate texts
6. You do not need to set a background. If you want a picture in the background then upload a file
7. For the title, I usually make it my question that I want the students to respond to. I have seen other screens made by other teachers, though, with a title like this: Mrs. Rizzuto's 3rd period German
8. Hit publish screen. A new screen will appear. Wiffiti will have assigned you a code. Unless you are planning to put your screen somewhere else, you should then just hit publish screen. You can later get an embed code, to embed it onto your website.
9. Your screen will then appear with the embed code on the right. You can type in the first answer to the question as a model at the bottom of the screen.
10. When students answer they will send their text to the number: 87884. In the text message they will first put the code that Wiffiti made for your screen and then answer the question. When students send it, the text should appear on your screen. Students will be assigned a random name the first time they use this

program. Every time after that their phone texts Wiffiti their assigned name will appear. (Every time I text wiffit from my phone, the name CarrotGoat5 appears as the sender of the message)

You can do this as a classroom activity or if you embed it into another website, you can have them do it as homework. The viewer can usually only see a few responses at a time. The teacher can access all the Responses by clicking on **My Screens** at the top right of the page. All your screens will appear. Click on **Timeline** of the screen in question and all the responses will appear. This way you can grade the individual responses. You will need a list of the assigned names, though, to do this. You can also delete any unwanted messages by clicking on the X next to the unwanted text.